

**Big Emory Baptist Association**  
**2012 Annual Meeting**  
**October 25<sup>th</sup>, at Liberty Baptist Church**  
**Wartburg, TN**

Rev. Danny King, Moderator  
Dr. Jim West, Clerk  
Rev. Mason Goodman, Director of Missions

The 137<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Big Emory Baptist Association opened at 1 PM with Dr. Paul Frick welcoming Messengers and encouraging all assembled to live Holy Lives and make their Churches places of holiness. The roll was then called and 119 persons representing 35 Churches were assemble along with several non-voting visitors and guests.

Rev. Robbie Leach brought special music before Rev. Goodman introduced Dr. Gary Rickman who brought the Annual Sermon, focusing on Mark 2:1ff, and reminding us that though we had all been blessed with numerous opportunities to hear the Gospel and respond, many had not yet been so fortunate: and they need to be reached, whatever it may take.

When the sermon concluded the Messengers were formally elected and seated. The First General Business Session followed, the Messengers hearing reports from Tennessee Temple University, Children's Bible Drill, and the Baptist Collegiate Ministry.

At this juncture the BCM Director, Ms. Becky Works, informed the Association that

1- The BCM Building vis-à-vis the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the TBC's plan to turn the building over to the Association and to discontinue funding the Roane State BCM needed further investigation and discussion. And

2- That Ms. Works' retirement would occur in July and that from that point forward the TBC would no longer supplement the BCM Director at Roane State.

When Ms. Works concluded her report Rev. Goodman urged the Messengers to recognize her 16 years of service and a rousing round of applause was offered to her.

Reports continued from the representative of The Tennessee Baptist Children's Home in Oakdale. At the conclusion of the First Business Session an offering of \$612 was received.

Messengers then were presented with various motions for their consideration and action:

1- A motion was made and seconded that a consultation team be assembled to work with the BCM team and the TBC so that the Association will know exactly what may be required to continue the work of the BCM or, conversely, to end that work. The consultation team would consist of Paul Frick, Sonny Works, and Mr. Kress. The motion passed unanimously.

2- A motion was made and seconded that the Association examine its present organizational model (the 'Team' model) and that those elected be responsible for investigating the model and others and to recommend to the Association a course of action- in either retaining the present model or

adopting another. Those elected to this Ad Hoc committee were Jim West, Mike Jones, and Adrian Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

3- The Moderator was nominated from the floor- Rev. Danny King. He was elected without discussion.

4- The Vice Moderator was nominated from the floor- Rev. Kenny Raines. He was elected without discussion.

This brought the First Session of the Annual Meeting to a conclusion. A short (15 minute) break followed and the Second Session of the Meeting commenced afterwards.

Said session began with the recognition of new Pastors and Staff- there being one new Pastor present attention turned next to congregational music and the Doctrinal Sermon which was masterfully delivered by Rev. Josh Lancaster who drew our attention to 2 Chr 7:14 and emphasized America's need of Revival.

Reports were then heard concerning Vacation Bible School, the Rebuild Team, Disaster Relief, Evangelism, the Nominating Team (whose recommendations were all approved when voted upon at the conclusion of the Business Session of the Second part of the meeting), Storehouse Ministry, Vision Ministries, Focus Prison Ministries, and the Treasurers Report. Then followed the presentation of the proposed budget by the Finance Team; that budget was adopted unanimously and without questions or discussion.

During its report, the Vision Ministries Team requested Association support for a building project among the Navajo. Questions were raised concerning the amount of money needed and no response was possible because building supply prices fluctuate and materials can often be acquired locally more inexpensively than they can be near the Reservation. That being the case, the Association voted nevertheless to support the project.

The Annual Meeting's penultimate act was the reading of the list of names of those who had died the previous year from various churches in the Association.

Finally, the Director of Missions gave his report and urged the Association to adopt the 'One, One, One, and One Plan' for the new Association year. This involves

1 Church having  
1 baptism every  
1 month for  
1 year

That is, every church is encouraged to baptize one person (at least) each month of the year. The motion was made by Rev. Goodman that the Association adopt this non-binding emphasis and after several hearty 'seconds' the motion was unanimously approved.

There being neither resolutions submitted for consideration nor miscellaneous business, the Annual Meeting concluded at 6:10 p.m. and all who wished were invited to move to the Church Fellowship Hall for a nicely prepared supper.

Dr. Jim West  
Clerk  
Big Emory Baptist Association  
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